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PASTOR'S PAGE



*What has come into being in him (Jesus) was **life**,
and the **life was the light** of all people.
The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.
--John 1:3-5*

Dear Friends of the light of the world Messiah,

WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF COMING OUT OF A DARK TIME. On vacation in July, I was overwhelmed by all the people travelling. We were cooped up by a pandemic for so long and now countless people feel free to safely travel. They are visiting loved ones and enjoying the beauty of our Lord's magnificent creation.

JESUS BRINGS US LIFE AND LIGHT. As MLC we are dedicated to worshipping our Lord, and we seek to faithfully share the life and light God intends all to embrace. The activities at MLC this month bear witness to the **vitality** our Lord has given to us as *God's People, Reaching Out*. Here are some activities in August at MLC:

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8: RALLY DAY: Sunday School resumes. In the ***Blessing of the Backpacks***, we will ask God to accompany our children each day in school. And will ask God to bless the tools and nourishment carried in their backpacks. ***"Let Us Love One Another," a New Adult Class***, starts at 9:45 a.m. Laurie Campbell and I will co-teach this class focusing on Jesus' model of loving one another. Also August 8: A ***Bake Sale*** to support the ***Walk to End Alzheimer's***.

SUNDAY AUGUST 22: Blessing and Sending of LWR kits assembled by ***MLC Kit Makers*** and the Quilts created by ***MLC Comforters***.

Bishop Kevin Strickland and ***Pastor Justin Ellers***, his assistant, will lead 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship. They also will lead an ***Adult Forum*** in the Parish Hall at 10:00 a.m.

ALSO IN AUGUST: Confirmation Classes begin for children Grade 8 and older. The ***First-Year*** students study the ***Bible*** led by Lois Graff. ***Second-Year*** students study Martin Luther's ***Small Catechism*** which I lead.

Holy Hill Korean Church and the ***Scouts Troop*** have resumed meeting in the MLC building.

OUR LORD'S LIGHT KEEPS SHINING INTO THE DARKNESS. Thank you for faithfully reaching out to those longing for the light our Lord freely gives. Let's keep looking to our God who enlightens us. We are called to walk as disciples illuminated by Jesus, the light of the world.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Scott Peterson

AUGUST SERVICES OF WORSHIP

LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship | WOV = With One Voice

Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

August 1 LBW Setting 1
August 8 LBW Setting 2 w/LS
August 15 WOV Service of Word/Prayer
August 22 Now the Feast w/LS
August 29 WOV Bread of Life w/LS

Sundays at 11 a.m.

LBW Setting 1
LBW Setting 2 w/LS
WOV Service of Word/Prayer
Now the Feast w/LS
WOV Bread of Life w/LS





Claire Strand
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Contact Claire Strand if you would like to announce significant transitions in the life of our community of faith, including birth, death, Baptism, graduation, Confirmation, job change, relocation, engagement, marriage, or any other life passage!

Claire Strand also leads Messiah's Prayer Ministry.

If you or a loved one needs to be lifted up in prayer, email claire@mlutheran.org

OUTREACH needs

PANTRY ITEM

Toilet Paper

KIT MINISTRY

70 Count Notebooks

Members may also designate offerings to:

Food Pantry & Kit Ministry

OUTREACH

Life Passages

- † Thomas Flowers, father of Jeff Flowers, passed away on July 6th.
- † Lori Mahanna's mother Kathy Norem passed away on June 26th.
- † Dan Byers' uncle Stanley Byers passed away on May 11th.
- † Bobbey Huwaldt's uncle Dale Krusemark passed away on June 29th.



Outreach Spotlight: Southeast Synod Assembly

By: Andrew King & Rebecca Alferink

Andrew King, Council Representative for Outreach, and Rebecca Alferink, Council Representative for Worship and Music attended this year's Southeastern Synod Assembly on Saturday, June 5th on a digital platform..

On Sunday, July 18th, Andrew and Rebecca shared their Assembly highlights in a Temple Talk. Here's a recap of what they presented.

Synod Assembly Temple Talk – 7/18/21

The annual Southeastern Synod Assembly was held on June 5 and it was a privilege to be representing Messiah this year. Like many events during the pandemic, the Assembly was held virtually, but we still accomplished a packed agenda over the seven hours we were together. This year's theme was to "EQUIP – EMPOWER – ENGAGE the Beloved Community," which reflects the Synod's updated vision statement: "To equip, empower, and engage God's people to love and serve the world." One of the many things we didn't realize before attending the Assembly is that our synod has major goals for every year based on that vision statement. For example, did you know that the focus for 2021 is "Diversity & Justice?" As part of that focus, the Synod formed a Diversity and Justice Task Force in 2020, which promotes resources for the Church to be "more racially just, inclusive of all people, and equitable." Next year's focus will be on "Evangelism," and 2023 will promote "Formation."

One of the major pieces of business at the Assembly was holding elections. We voted to fill open positions within the Synod, which included Synod Secretary, At-Large Synod Council members, Consultation Committee members, and Discipline Committee members. In addition, we selected the folks who will be representing our Synod at the 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Columbus, Ohio.

Beyond the typical business that occurs at Assembly, two new assistants to the Bishop were installed during morning worship. Our Synod is one of the more disaster-prone



Saturday, June 5, 2021

Learn more at:

www.elca-ses.org/synod-assembly

View the entire Synod Assembly on the Southeastern Synod's [YouTube Channel](#)



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WORSHIP & MUSIC

Worship

In-person worship is at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. The 11:00 a.m. service is livestreamed to MLC's YouTube channel and also available for later viewing. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated at the August 8, August 22, and August 29 services of worship. More information can be found on MLC's E-News, website <https://mlutheran.org/> or by calling the Church Office.

MLC Music Groups in August

Messiah Choir Rehearsals

- Sunday, August 1 8:00 a.m.
- Sunday, August 8 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday, August 15 8:00 a.m.
- Sunday, August 22 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday, August 29 10:00 a.m.

Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal

- Saturday, August 7 11:00 a.m.
- Saturday, August 21 11:00 a.m.

Watch E-News and bulletins for updates and information on other musical groups restarting in September.

Hymn of the Month

"The Son of God, Our Christ"

An Episcopalian priest who also served as an Army chaplain, Alfred Morton Smith (1879-1971), composed the tune "Sursum Corda," the tune of "The Son of God, Our Christ." Although not a musician, Edward M. Blumenfeld (1927-2013) wrote the lyrics to our hymn of the month. Blumenfeld served in the Navy and Army, worked in a steel mill, studied medicine and religion, and was ordained as pastor in the United Church of Christ. The hymn lyrics encourage us as Christ's body, the Church, to serve as we are called.

*In city street, in town, or on the soil,
May each serve Christ in faithful daily toil,
And in each thought and kindly word and deed,
Obey Christ's call and go where he shall lead.*

*Where'er we find our witness should be made,
Whate'er our task, be thou, O Christ, our aid,
That we may gladly give for thee our best*

And find each task divinely sent and blest. LBW 434 vs. 4,5



Sara Galyon

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MLC's Youth Groups

MOEs (Messiah Older Elementary) - grades 3-5

Junior Youth - grades 6-8

Senior Youth - grades 9-12

MLC YOUTH & FAITH FORMATION

MOEs Go is Back!

MOEs Go is back—with a trip to the Birmingham Zoo! We will go to the Zoo on August 21. We will meet at church to caravan/carpool in the morning (time TBA due to the nature of timed tickets at the zoo right now). If you plan to attend, please let Sara know at youth@mlutheran.org. Please also let Sara know if you can drive others and how many you can take in your vehicle. RSVP by August 4th so Sara can buy group tickets.

Junior Youth Pool Party

The Junior Youth are having a pool party August 8th at the Fedricks' home from 3-5 p.m. All 6th-8th graders are invited. Food and drinks will be provided. Come join us for some fun!

S'mores at the Strands'

The Junior and Senior Youth meeting on August 1 will be held at the Strands' home from 5-7 p.m. Come hang out for some games and fellowship before school starts!

Youth Group Schedule

The Junior and Senior Youth will meet... **EVERY. SINGLE. SUNDAY!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Junior Youth—5-6:30 p.m.

Senior Youth—6-7:30 p.m.

Adult Volunteer Training

Please check out our online training for anyone who plans to work with kids in the coming year. These will be posted to mlutheran.org soon.

RALLY SUNDAY IS AUGUST 8th

To aid in planning, please register your child for Sunday School. You may register online, or, Paper forms available at the Welcome Center.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

"Let Us Love One Another," a New Adult Class, starts at 9:45 a.m. Laurie Campbell and Pastor Scott will co-teach this class focusing on Jesus' model of loving one another. The class will take place in the Parish Hall.

Confirmation Classes

1st and 2nd Year Confirmation Classes begin on August 11. This two-year program for youth 8th grade and older is a study of the Old and New Testaments and Luther's Small Catechism. Confirmation prepares young disciples to affirm the Christian faith they entered in Baptism. Please contact the Church Office if you are interested!

NEWS FLASHES

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES AUG. 8TH



SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

The 2021-2022 Sunday School year begins with Rally Day on Sunday, August 8th. Rally Day will start in the Sanctuary at 9:45 a.m. Students will meet their teachers, see their classrooms and join up for games & treats outside

Parents - Please complete a Sunday School Registration form. **An online form can be found on www.mlutheran.org.** Forms can be found at the Welcome Center and turned into the church office. They can also be completed on Rally Day.

If you have any questions, please contact Dorothy Seitz, MLC's Sunday School Superintendent.
at 256-658-3553 or
Dorothy.seitz@comcast.net.

MLC COMFORTERS

Meets Tuesday mornings at 9:00 a.m.—Noon Fellowship Hall

Messiah's Comforters group gather every Tuesday morning to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief's Quilt Mission, prayer shawls, and other hand crafted items for outreach. You do not need to know how to quilt to be a Comforter.

Questions? Contact Jeanette Beamer

Kit & Quilt Blessing is Sunday, August 22nd

Bring your dollies and hand trucks the following Sunday, August 29, to help load the boxes into the LWR trailer in between services of worship.

Bridge Club is Back!

The group will resume August 6th and continue on the 1st Friday evening at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. POC: is Mary Ann Stasiak



JOB ANNOUNCEMENT MLC NURSERY ATTENDANT NEEDED

With the retirement of Miss Judy, Messiah Lutheran Church is seeking to fill the position of Nursery Attendant.

Individuals in the congregation who are interested in this paid position or who have questions about the position can visit the church website at www.mlutheran.org where the job description will be listed.

Also, if anyone knows of an individual who would be interested in the position, please refer them to the website.

Bishop Kevin Strickland Adult Forum

Aug 22. | 10:00 a.m. | Parish Hall

Bishop Kevin Strickland, Bishop for the Southeastern Synod of the ELCA, and assistant Justin Ellers will lead worship at MLC on Aug 22nd, and also conduct an Adult Forum in the Parish Hall starting at 10:00 a.m.

Come, hear, listen, and learn about the Southeastern Synod, it's mission, and vision.

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MONTH IN PICTURES



Synod Assembly Report, ctd.

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synods in the ELCA, to the point of being known as the “disaster Synod.” Due to this, we’ve received a three-year grant from Lutheran Disaster Response to have a full-time assistant to the Bishop for Disaster Ministry. Pastor Morgan Gordy was installed to fill that role. She will be coordinating the Synod’s responses to disasters as well as to help each congregation to be prepared for when a disaster strikes. She has already been working on the development of emotional spiritual care retreats and resources for emotional spiritual care. Post-pandemic, one area of emphasis will be to involve youth and young adults in disaster ministry. At Messiah, our disaster preparedness work is ongoing through our Disaster Preparedness Team.

♪ TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME! ♪

Above: Men of Messiah (MoM) organized going to the July 21st Trash Panda baseball game. (Above) The Ballard family snapped a selfie during the game.

Youth Director Sara Galyon organized a Sr. and Jr. Youth outing to a Trash Panda game on Sunday, July 25th. The family outing was coordinated with The Church at Stone River (right).



SERVING ON SUNDAY MORNING

Thank you for signing up to serve on Sunday Morning. Here are MLC’s Worship Coordinators. Please contact them if you have questions or need assistance in signing up via Sign Up Genius.

Greeters: Dagmar Miller

Ushers: Bruce Machamer

Acolytes: Cheryl Rydbom

Lectors: Sherry Sarratt

Altar Guild: Jutta DeMarsh

Flower Guild: Linda Heideman, Judi McMillin

Counters: Lee Smith, Church Office

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

VANCO ONLINE GIVING SITE UP AND RUNNING!

On April 18, Tim Pitchko, MLC's Council Representative for Stewardship gave a Temple Talk on MLC's new Online Giving Platform. You can view the Temple Talk and Transcript below.

<https://mlutheran.org/online-giving-transitions-to-vanco>

A NEW OPTION TO BENEFIT MLC MEMBERS

Private and Safe Storage of Personal Documents and Information

Wills: As a service to our members, MLC now offers a secure and fire-proof storage location for your Last Will & Testament documents. After you securely seal your documents in a marked envelope, they will be placed in a locked safe in the church for later retrieval, per your directions. All documents will be returned to you at your request at any time.

Emergency Contact Listing: Have you ever wished for a method to ensure your designated representative(s) are contacted in case of an accident or emergency? This could be especially important if your emergency contacts are not local and you are not able to make that vital contact. MLC will keep a private listing of your contact information as necessary. We will contact your emergency contact person(s) only if the Pastor and staff are notified of a circumstance in which you cannot make that personal contact.

More Information? Contact Pastor Scott or our Outreach Director, Claire Strand, for specifics on both services. Participation in these programs is voluntary. All information and documents will be privately held and revised only at your direction.

An Update from Vicar William and Kayla

Hello my Home Church family. I wanted to give an update on a request from a few in the congregation.

Kayla and I successfully moved into the Parsonage/Vicarage in Hovland, MN, and I was installed as Bethlehem's and Trinity's Intern Pastor or as I prefer, their Vicar. The installation service is available at Bethlehem's website for those interested.

I have also been asked about a mailing address. The mail is a bit complicated up here as we do not have a mailbox at the home. We do now have a PO box in town, it is: **PO Box 87 Hovland, MN 55606**. Physically we are on Hwy 61 E but the Parsonage does not receive mail.

We were well-received and welcomed here and I have begun daily work at Bethlehem and at Trinity. Currently we are working on a COVID RE-action plan as things open up and cases go down. We will be working with their COVID task force as well as the Delta variant may rear its ugly head.

At Trinity I have been working to streamline their recording of worship services and you may see me doing some reading and a few other things on Trinity's website and YouTube channel.

Finally, we would like to thank Messiah for my sending service and all of the support and learning that is leading me through my new placement. Thank you.

- *Vicar William Strand*

PRAYER FAMILIES

Please lift these Messiah households in your daily prayers. **On Sundays, please remember to pray for the groups listed in *bold*.**

Please help our church staff maintain accurate member records by letting us know when things change for you! You can email office@mlutheran.org or call during office hours which are Monday—Friday, 8:30 a.m. to Noon. Thank you! Bobbey Huwaldt and Meredith Kilby 256 721 0041.

August 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 8:30 a.m. Worship: LBW Setting 1 11:00 a.m. Worship & Livestream: LBW Setting 1 5:00 p.m. Jr/Sr Youth S'mores Party	2	3 9:00 a.m. Comforters	4	5	6 7:00 p.m. Bridge Group	7 11:00 a.m. Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal
8 RALLY DAY 8:30 a.m. Worship: LBW Setting 2 w/LS 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 9:30 a.m. ALZ BAKE SALE 11:00 a.m. Worship & Livestream: LBW Setting 2 w/LS 3:00 p.m. Jr. Youth Pool Party 6:00 p.m. Sr. Youth Pool Party	9	10 9:00 a.m. Comforters	11 1st/2nd Year Confirmation classes begin (time TBA)	12 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting	13	14
15 8:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 8:30 a.m. Worship: WOV Service of Word/Prayer 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship & Livestream: WOV Service of Word/Prayer 5:00 p.m. Jr. Youth 6:00 p.m. Sr. Youth	16	17 9:00 a.m. Comforters	18	19	20	21 11:00 a.m. Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal MOEs Go—Birmingham Zoo Trip (Time TBA)
22 QUILT & KIT BLESSING BISHOP VISIT 8:30 a.m. Worship: Now the Feast w/LS 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Forum with Bishop Strickland 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 11:00 a.m. Worship & Livestream: Now the Feast w/LS 5:00 p.m. Jr. Youth 6:00 p.m. Sr. Youth	23	24 9:00 a.m. Comforters	25	26	27	28
29 LWR TRUCK LOADING 8:30 a.m. Worship: WOV Bread of Life w/LS 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 11:00 a.m. Worship & Livestream: WOV Bread of Life w/LS 5:00 p.m. Jr. Youth 6:00 p.m. Sr. Youth	30	31 9:00 a.m. Comforters	LOOKING AHEAD -Labor Day—Sep 6 (Office Closed)			

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**Newsletter submissions may be sent to Rebecca Mast at newsletter@mlutheran.org
Submissions are typically due the 3rd Sunday of every month. Submit photos to communications@mlutheran.org**



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